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SUBJECT: RUSSIAN COMMENTS ON PREPARATIONS FOR NUCLEAR
SUPPLIERS GROUP MEETING AUGUST 21-22

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¶1. (SBU) On August 13, we met with MFA Department of Security and Disarmament Affairs Nuclear Issues Officer Alexander Bolychov to deliver reftel points regarding outreach activities prior to the NSG Plenary August 21-22. Bolychov reiterated Russia's support for the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) waiver for India and told us that Russia is also actively reaching out to NSG-member countries, particularly China, members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and smaller countries. He also noted that Russia will address concerns expressed by Austria, Norway, Ireland and other countries regarding the waiver.

¶2. (SBU) Bolychov mentioned two issues in paragraph 4 of the draft text that he thinks that NSG members could raise. First, the inclusion of the term "all non-member adherents" is a red flag because this issue has not yet been resolved. The second is the "confidentiality principle". He made it clear that Russia will not/not raise either of these issues.

¶3. (SBU) After briefly discussing the draft, Bolychov asked if India had directly contributed to the wording of the draft waiver. He said that if India were perceived to be too directly involved in the final document, it could give those not fully committed an additional issue to raise.
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